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In re **Rule 1.53(b) Continuation** Appln. of )  
U.S. Serial No. 09/534,072 )  
SRIVASTAVA et al. )  
Serial No. Not yet assigned ) Prior Group Art Unit: 1642  
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For: PROSTATE SPECIFIC GENE, PCGEM1, AND METHODS OF USING  
PCGEM1 TO DETECT, TREAT, AND PREVENT PROSTATE CANCER

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are included in the attached replacement drawing sheet. The amendments are discussed in this paper and are illustrated in the attached annotated drawing sheet.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

**Attachments** to this amendment include the replacement drawing sheet (Attachment A), an annotated drawing sheet (Attachment B), and a copy of a substitute

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Sequence Listing, which was filed on September 9 2002, in parent application No.  
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